

And find the same correctly enrolled.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 7, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate concurrent resolution No. 6. Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That we note with approval the announcement from Washington that President Roosevelt has directed a full investigation to be made into the affairs and methods of the Standard Oil Company by the Commissioner of Corporations.

2. That we heartily endorse this action of the President, and respectfully request him to direct the Commissioner of Corporations to extend his investigations to Texas, with a view of ascertaining all facts in connection with the operation of companies allied with the Standard Oil Company or other oil companies, if any, now operating in Texas.

3. That an engrossed copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President.

And find the same correctly enrolled.

TERRELL, Chairman.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Thursday, March 9, 1905.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor Neal in the chair.

Roll called, quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Barrett.	Hill.
Beaty.	Holland.
Brachfield.	Looney.
Chambers.	Martin.
Davidson.	McKamy.
Decker.	Meachum.
Faust.	Paulus.
Glasscock.	Skinner.
Griggs.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hale.	Stokes.
Harbison.	Stone.
Harper.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Willacy.
Hicks.	

Absent—Excused.

Faulk,

Hanger.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Tuesday, on motion of Senator Hill, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Hill, Senator Glasscock was excused from attendance upon the Senate for Tuesday on account of business.

On motion of Senator Glasscock, Senator Faulk was excused from attendance upon the Senate for Tuesday and today on account of business.

On motion of Senator Holland, Senator Chambers was excused from attendance upon the Senate for Tuesday on account of business.

On motion of Senator Davidson, Senator Hanger was excused from attendance upon the Senate for Tuesday and today, on account of business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Hill presented a memorial from the citizens of Reeves county, protesting against certain statements made in reference to Senate bill No. 126 some several days ago. The petition was read before the Senate.

Senator Davidson offered and had adopted a resolution to the memory of the late Hon. L. H. Browne, a former member of the State Senate. See memorial page of today's Journal.

By Senator Decker:

Petition from the citizens of Swisher county, requesting relief by passing a validating act by which the location of their lands may be definitely ascertained and settled, as purchased from the State according to the Hutchinson survey or "Iron Pipe Corner Survey," and giving them the preference right to purchase excess in surveys owned by them.

The petitions were referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

(Bills.)

By Senator Decker:

Senate bill No. 269, a bill to be entitled "An Act to validate surveys and locations of school and patented lands in Swisher county, and to regulate the resurvey, sale and purchase of the excess in same."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

(Senator Decker here gave notice of publication of an application for the passage of this bill.)

By Senator Faust:

Senate bill No. 270, a bill to be entitled "An Act restricting the number of wards of cities which are incorporated under the general laws of the State.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Town and City Corporations.

By Senator Holland:

Senate bill No. 271, a bill to be entitled "An Act declaring who are public warehousemen of rice, and to regulate warehouses for the storage, milling or sale of rice, and to provide for the weighing, inspection, classification, handling and sale of rice therein; and to provide for the appointment and qualification of weighers and inspectors of rice; and for warehouse receipts therefor; and to provide for the fees to be charged for the weighing and inspection of rice; and to provide penalties for the violation thereof."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Hill:

Senate bill No. 272, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 143, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, which was an act to provide for the disorganization of the county of Loving, in the State of Texas, and to attach said county to the county of Reeves, for judicial and other purposes, and to provide for the assessments and collections of taxes in said county, and for the payment of the outstanding indebtedness of said county."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Hill:

Senate bill No. 273, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 713, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, as revised in the year 1895, relating to the formation and powers of religious, charitable and other corporations."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator McKamy:

Senate bill No. 274, a bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of Texas; to provide for the appointment of a board of dental examiners, prescribing their duties, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Chambers:

Senate bill No. 275, a bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent any person or persons, firm, corporations or association of persons, who loan money on farm produce, from charging a higher rate of interest than 10 per cent, either directly or indirectly, or by discount or otherwise, and affixing a penalty therefor."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

(Resolutions.)

S. C. R. No. 8.)

(By Looney.

Whereas, Under the construction given the Wilson act by a majority of the Supreme Court of the United States, intoxicating liquors may be shipped as Interstate Commerce from one State into another, exempt from police powers of the State until the same arrives at its destination and is delivered to the consignee and,

Whereas, In many counties and districts in this State the citizens are in favor of and have adopted local option laws, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the limits of counties or districts where the law has been adopted; and,

Whereas, Non-residents who contribute nothing to the expense of the policing made necessary by the liquor traffic, are by their agents invading local option territory, in disregard of public sentiment and in impudent defiance of good morals and the will of the people, and are soliciting and taking orders for intoxicating liquors to be shipped under such terms as to be protected as Interstate Commerce under the decisions of the Supreme Court as above mentioned; now, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House concurring:

Section 1. That the President of the United States be and he is hereby petitioned to recommend in his next message to Congress the enactment of a law whereby imported liquors are, upon arrival at a State line, divested of their character as Interstate Commerce and shall fall within the category of Domestic Articles of a similar nature, and shall become at once subject to State jurisdiction and to the effect and operation of laws enacted in the exercise of its police powers to the same extent and in the same manner as though said liquors had been produced therein and shall not be exempt from said jurisdiction by reason of being introduced in original packages or otherwise.

Sec. 2. That the members of Congress, representing the State of Texas, in the Senate and House of Representatives, be and they are hereby earnestly requested to use all honorable means to bring about the enactment of

a law such as is described in Section 1 hereof.

Sec. 3. That a copy of this resolution, properly authenticated, be transmitted to the President of the United States, and similarly one copy each to our United States Senators and members of the House of Representatives.

Morning call concluded.

SENATE BILL NO. 118—PASSAGE OF.

On motion of Senator Harbison the pending order of business, House bill No. 67, was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 118.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

Senate bill No. 118, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 643 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing what must be set forth in the charter of a domestic corporation."

There being a favorable majority report and an unfavorable minority report,

Senator Hicks moved to substitute the minority report for the majority report.

That motion was lost by the following vote, which put the bill before the Senate:

Yeas—11.

Beaty.	Skinner.
Faust.	Smith.
Glasscock.	Stafford.
Griggs.	Stokes.
Hicks.	Stone.
Looney.	

Nays—15.

Barrett.	Hawkins.
Brachfield.	Hill.
Chambers.	Holland.
Davidson.	McKamy.
Grinnan.	Meachum.
Hale.	Paulus.
Harbison.	Terrell.
Harper.	

Absent.

Decker.	Willacy.
Martin.	

Absent—Excused.

Faulk.	Hanger.
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Senator Harbison moved that further consideration of the bill be postponed till next Tuesday morning and

the bill be made a special order for that time.

The motion prevailed.

(Senator Willacy in the chair.)

HOUSE BILL NO. 62—ENGROSSMENT OF.

On motion of Senator Hill the pending order of business, House bill No. 67, was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 62, by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Barrett.	Holland.
Chambers.	Looney.
Davidson.	McKamy.
Decker.	Paulus.
Faust.	Skinner.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stafford.
Hale.	Stone.
Hawkins.	Terrell.
Hicks.	Willacy.
Hill.	

Nays—5.

Brachfield.	Harper.
Grinnan.	Martin.
Harbison.	

Absent.

Beaty.	Stokes.
Meachum.	

Absent—Excused.

Faulk.	Hanger.
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The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

House bill No. 62, a bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe a period of limitation within which any person claiming the right to purchase or lease public free school, State, University or asylum lands heretofore sold or leased to others, shall bring his suit therefor."

On motion of Senator Hill, the committee report with amendments was adopted.

Senator Skinner offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after the last word in Section 2 of the bill the following:

"Provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the State of Texas in any action or proceeding that may be brought by it in respect to any of said lands."

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to a third reading.

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Neal) gave notice of signing, and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read,

House bill No. 59, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 71, of the Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, being 'An Act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 24, of the Acts of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, being 'An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 128, of an act passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Texas and sent to the Governor for his approval on the 20th day of May, A. D. 1899, and entitled 'An Act providing a mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in a number of counties.'"

House bill No. 57, a bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the parties to and venue of suits against railroads, express companies and other common carriers and assignees, lessees, trustees and receivers thereof; to provide for the apportionment of damages recovered in such suits; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

House bill No. 205, a bill to be entitled "An Act to change and prescribe the time for holding District Courts in the Thirty-first Judicial District of this State, to conform all writs and processes from such courts to such changes, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

House bill No. 443, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 118, of an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Denison, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and the management of its affairs,' approved April 6, 1891, and to amend Sections 145 and 158 of an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to amend Sections 12, 19, 23, 65, 145, 147, 149, 158 and 160 of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Denison, in Grayson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and the management of its affairs,' passed 1893, and to add to said Section 158 Sections 1a to 29a, inclusive, so as to provide a just and effective law for designating improvement districts in the city of Denison, for the taxation of property owners thereof to pay in whole or in part for making necessary street and sidewalk improvements in such improvement districts, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.'"

26—Senate.

House bill No. 425, a bill to be entitled "An Act to attach the unorganized counties of Cochran and Hockley to Lubbock county for surveying purposes; to authorize and empower the commissioners court of Lubbock county to procure from the county surveyor's office of Crosby county, and from the General Land Office of the State, all the records of files of surveys of lands in said unorganized counties, and certified copies of such records, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

House Concurrent Resolution No. 14, relative to the death of Hon. John H. Reagan.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 13, approving the course of President Roosevelt in his efforts to compel the packers of meat to obey the laws of the United States, and providing for appointment of a joint committee to aid the President in his efforts to put an end to the violations of law in which the beef trust is engaged.

Senate bill No. 195, An Act to amend Section 13, Chapter 35, Acts of the regular session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, being House bill No. 83, creating a more efficient road system for Rains county, as printed in Session Acts, pages 32 to 37; by increasing the per diem pay of the County Road Commissioner and increasing the maximum pay to \$400 per annum and declaring an emergency.

Senate bill No. 251, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 64 of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, an Act to incorporate the City of Austin and grant it a new charter, etc."

FIRST HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Twenty-ninth Legislature.

Austin, Tex., March 9, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the house has passed the following:

Senate bill No. 91, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 642 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by Chapter 130, Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, Chapter 43, Acts of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, Chapter 43, Acts of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, and Chapter 129, Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, by adding thereto subdivision 62, authorizing the formation of corporations for the growing, preparing for market, and selling of rice, and Subdivision 63, authorizing the formation of corporations for the purpose of growing and selling sugar cane, and making and refining

sugar, molasses and all by-products of sugar cane, and declaring an emergency."

Also Senate concurrent resolution No. 7, granting leave of absence from the State to Judge John W. Goodwin during July and August, 1905.

Also Senate bill No. 11, a bill to be entitled "An Act to confer authority on the Penitentiary Board to issue paroles to meritorious convicts, and to make and establish rules and regulations to carry the same into effect."

With amendments:

Amend Senate bill No. 11 by striking out Section 5 and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 5. The provisions of this Act shall apply to all convicts except those convicted of rape, robbery by the use of firearms, or any deadly weapon, and murder; provided, that any person convicted of murder in the first degree and robbery by use of firearms, or any deadly weapon, may be paroled after serving (15) fifteen years without commutation for good behavior; and any person convicted of murder in the second degree may be paroled after serving (10) ten years without commutation for good behavior."

(1) Page 2, lines 14 and 16, amend by striking out the word "as," in line 14, and insert in lieu thereof the words "and in regard;" by striking out the word "surrounding," and insert in lieu thereof the word "surroundings;" by striking out the word "this," in line 16, and insert in lieu thereof the word "thus."

(2) Page 1, Section 2, line 36, amend by adding the word "it" after the word "and," in line 36.

(3) Amend Section 1, lines 24 and 25, by striking out the following phrase: "as computed under the law governing commutation for good behavior."

(4) Amend Section 1, line 27, by adding after the word "contained" the following: "Provided, that in no case shall a convict be paroled until he shall have served two years of his term."

At the end of line No. 21, Section 1, strike out the word "is" and insert in lieu thereof the word "are." Strike out the words "his term," in line 23, Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the words "their respective terms."

Respectfully,

MARK LOGAN,

Acting Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

HOUSE BILL NO. 503—PASSAGE OF.

On motion of Senator Griggs, the pending order of business (House bill

No. 67) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 503.

On motion of Senator Griggs, the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lay over one day was suspended by the following vote:

(Committee reported this morning.)

Yeas—25.

Barrett.	Hawkins.
Beaty.	Hicks.
Brachfield.	Hill.
Chambers.	Holland.
Davidson.	Martin.
Decker.	McKamy.
Faust.	Meachum.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Skinner.
Grinnan.	Stafford.
Hale.	Stone.
Harblson.	
Harper.	Willacy.

Present—Not Voting.

Smith.

Absent.

Looney.	Terrell.
Stokes.	

Absent—Excused.

Faulk.	Hanger.
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On motion of Senator Griggs, the committee report was adopted.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 503, a bill to be entitled "An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Glasscock moved that the bill be postponed till tomorrow.

Senator Meachum moved to table that motion, which was adopted.

Bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Griggs, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Barrett.	Holland.
Beaty.	Looney.
Brachfield.	Martin.
Chambers.	McKamy.
Davidson.	Meachum.
Decker.	Paulus.
Faust.	Skinner.
Griggs.	Smith.
Harper.	Stafford.

Sacred to the Memory of

Hon. L. H. Browne

By Senator Davidson:

To the Honorable George D. Neal, President of the Senate:

Whereas, On the 25th day of October, 1904, Hon. L. H. Browne, a citizen of San Marcos, Hays county, Texas, formerly a citizen of Karnes county, Texas, departed this life, and

Whereas, The deceased was at one time an honored member of the Senate of Texas, was at all times an honorable and upright citizen, and prominent in the profession of law far above many of his fellows;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the Senate learns with regret of the death of a former member of this body, and now here with the adoption of this resolution desires to bear testimony to his faithfulness as a citizen, to his learning as a lawyer, his integrity and high character as a public servant, and his devotion at all times to every trust imposed in him.

Be it further Resolved, That a page of the journal of the Senate be set apart upon which to spread this resolution, and that when the Senate adjourns today it adjourns out of respect to his memory, and that a copy of these resolutions be properly endorsed by the secretary of the Senate, certified, and forwarded to the family of the deceased at San Marcos, Texas.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Hawkins. Stone.
Hicks. Terrell.
Hill. Willacy.

Present—Not Voting.

Glasscock.

Absent.

Grinnan. Harbison.
Hale. Stokes.

Absent—Excused.

Faulk. Hanger.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Barrett. Holland.
Beaty. Looney.
Brachfield. Martin.
Chambers. McKamy.
Davidson. Meachum.
Decker. Paulus.
Faust. Skinner.
Griggs. Smith.
Hale. Stafford.
Harper. Stone.
Hawkins. Terrell.
Hicks. Willacy.
Hill.

Present—Not Voting.

Glasscock.

Absent.

Grinnan. Stokes.
Harbison.

Absent—Excused.

Faulk. Hanger.

Senator Griggs moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 150—PENDING.

On motion of Senator Hicks, the pending order of business (House bill No. 67) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 150.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 150, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7, Chapter 42, of the Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to provide for and regulate the granting

of license to practice as attorney and counselor at law in all the courts of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith," approved March 19, 1903."

Senator Terrell offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out all of line 11, on page 1.

Senator Hicks moved to table the amendment.

That motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Barrett. Looney.
Faust. McKamy.
Hale. Meachum.
Harbison. Paulus.
Harper. Skinner.
Hawkins. Stafford.
Hicks. Stokes.
Hill. Stone.
Holland.

Nays—10.

Beaty. Griggs.
Brachfield. Martin.
Chambers. Smith.
Davidson. Terrell.
Glasscock. Willacy.

Absent.

Decker. Hanger.
Grinnan.

Absent—Excused.

Faulk.

(Lieutenant Governor Neal in the chair.)

Senator Smith moved to postpone further consideration of the bill till tomorrow morning, after morning call.

Senator Hicks moved to table the motion, and the same was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Barrett. Looney.
Beaty. McKamy.
Faust. Meachum.
Griggs. Paulus.
Hale. Skinner.
Harbison. Stafford.
Harper. Stokes.
Hawkins. Stone.
Hicks. Willacy.
Holland.

Nays—8.

Brachfield. Grinnan.
Chambers. Martin.
Davidson. Smith.
Glasscock. Terrell.

Present—Not Voting.

Decker.

Absent.

Hanger.

Hill.

Faulk.

Absent—Excused.

Senator Hicks offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by inserting at the end of line 23, "and shall at the same time present to the Clerk of the Supreme Court a certificate from the Commissioners Court of the county of his residence that he has been a resident of the State at least six months, that he is twenty-one years of age, and that he has a good reputation for moral character and honorable deportment."

Pending.

Senator Glasscock offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment of Senator Hicks by adding to the same the following words: "And shall furnish such other evidence of good moral character as may be required by the Supreme Court of this State."

Pending.

Senator Hicks moved the previous question on the amendments and the bill, which was duly seconded, and

On that motion Senator Smith moved a call of the Senate, which was duly seconded, and the roll was called, the following Senators answering to their names:

Barrett.	Looney.
Chambers.	Martin.
Davidson.	McKamy.
Decker.	Meachum.
Faust.	Paulus.
Glasscock.	Skinner.
Grinnan.	Smith.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hawkins.	Stone.
Hicks.	Terrell.
Hill.	Willacy.
Holland.	

Absent.

Beaty.	Hale.
Brachfield.	Harbison.
Griggs.	Stafford.

Absent—Excused.

Faulk.	Hanger.
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ABSENTEES—NOT EXCUSED.

Senators Beaty, Brachfield, Griggs, Hale, Harbison, Stafford.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to bring in the absentees.

REFUSE TO EXCUSE ABSENTEES.

Senator Hicks moved to excuse the absentees, which was lost by the following vote.

Yeas—14.

Barrett.	Looney.
Faust.	McKamy.
Grinnan.	Meachum.
Harper.	Paulus.
Hicks.	Skinner.
Hill.	Stokes.
Holland.	Stone.

Nays—8.

Chambers.	Martin.
Davidson.	Smith.
Glasscock.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Willacy.

Present—Not Voting.

Griggs.

Absent.

Beaty.	Hale.
Brachfield.	Harbison.
Decker.	Stafford.

Absent—Excused.

Faulk.	Hanger.
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Senator Hicks moved that the Senate take a recess till 3:30 o'clock, and

Senator Smith moved that the Senate adjourn till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Action being taken on the longest time first, the motion to adjourn till tomorrow morning was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Chambers.	Holland.
Davidson.	Looney.
Decker.	Martin.
Glasscock.	McKamy.
Griggs.	Smith.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Willacy.
Hill.	

Nays—9.

Barrett.	Paulus.
Faust.	Skinner.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hicks.	Stone.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Beaty.	Harbison.
Brachfield.	Stafford.
Hale.	

Absent—Excused.

Faulk.	Hanger.
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APPENDIX.

STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1905.
Hon. George D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred House bill No. 253, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6 of Chapter 102 of the acts of the regular session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to promote agriculture and stock raising, and to prohibit the hunting with firearms or dogs upon the inclosed or posted lands of another in all counties within this State not specially named as exempt from the provisions of this act,' as amended by the Twenty-eighth Legislature, and to provide a penalty therefor,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BRACHFIELD, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1905.
Hon. George D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred House bill No. 393, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 4, of Chapter 85, of the General Laws passed by the Twenty-eighth Legislature, at its regular session, entitled 'An Act to protect stock raisers and farmers, and providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals, to require the commissioners courts of the several counties of the State not herein specially exempted to pay for the killing of such wolves and other wild animals and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,'"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendment, to wit: Amend by adding to list of exempt counties, Young Throckmorton, Knox, Stonewall and Archer.

BRACHFIELD, Chairman.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 7, 1905.
Hon. George D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill No. 243, a bill to be entitled "An Act requiring all railway

corporations operating a line of railway in the State of Texas to place switch lights on all their main line switches and to keep the same lighted from sunset until sunrise, and requiring all railway corporations operating a line of railway in the State of Texas to place derailing switches on all their sidings connected with the main line and upon which sidings cars are left standing, and providing penalties and remedies for the violation of any of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

M'KAMY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 7, 1905.
Hon. George D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 261, a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate the railroads of the New York, Texas & Mexican Railway Company with the franchises and other property thereunto appertaining; the railroads of the Gulf, Western Texas & Pacific Railway Company, with the franchises and other property thereunto appertaining; the railroads of the Gonzales Branch Railroad with the franchises and other property thereunto appertaining; the railroads of the Galveston, Houston & Northern Railway Company with the franchises and other property thereunto appertaining, and the railroad of the San Antonio & Gulf railroad with the franchises and other property thereunto appertaining, or either or any of such railroads with its or their franchises and appurtenances; and to authorize the owners of each of said railroads and its or their franchises and appurtenances to sell the same; to authorize the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company to construct, own, operate and maintain, or to amend its charter so as to authorize it to construct, own, operate and maintain a railroad from a connection with the present terminus of the San Antonio & Gulf Railroad at or near Stockdale to the town of Cuero in De Witt county; and to authorize the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company to issue additional mortgage bonds to the amount of the railroad franchises and appurtenances so purchased or such of them as shall be purchased, and to the amount of the value of the railroad hereinafter constructed by it under the

provisions of this act, as fixed or as may be fixed by the Railroad Commission of Texas and to regulate the reports of the operation of such property."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

M'KAMY, Chairman.

TOWNS AND CITY CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on City and Town Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 95, a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the city of Bryan to dispose of certain public grounds within said city,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

BEATY,
STAFFORD,
HICKS,
McKAMY,
DECKER,
GRIGGS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 7, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on City and Town Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 503, a bill to be entitled "An Act to grant a new charter to the city of Houston, Harris county, Texas, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that the bill be not printed.

BEATY,
HOLLAND,
PAULUS,
McKAMY,
HICKS,
STAFFORD,
GRIGGS.

MINING AND IRRIGATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Mining and Irrigation, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 189, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3498f, 3498g and 3498i, and to repeal Article

3498m, Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the sale of mineral land,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BEATY,
DAVIDSON,
DECKER,
HOLLAND,
HICKS,
WILLACY,
HALE,
HILL.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 195, being "An Act to amend Section 13, Chapter 35, Acts of the regular session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, being House bill No. 83, creating a more efficient road system for Rains county, as printed in Session Acts, pages 32 to 37, by increasing the per diem pay of the County Road Commissioner and increasing the maximum pay to \$400 per annum, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have, this day at 3:10 o'clock, presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 251, being "An Act to amend Section 64 of an act of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Austin, to grant it a new charter and to fix its boundaries,' approved April 13, 1901, and being Chapter 8 of the Special Laws of the regular session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have, this day at 3:10 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

TERRELL, Chairman.

THIRTY-NINTH DAY.

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas.

Friday, March 10, 1905.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor Geo. D. Neal presiding.